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reports on the port of Kem

Information on the expansion of one of the piers is included in the reports.

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1. THE HARBOR: a) The pier at Kem was being extended in both directions at the same time as maintenance work was in progress on the whole pier.

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the work of extending the pier will not be finished this year.

At the sawmill, a new silo-construction had been built for the storage and later processing of sawdust for paper production.

b) The loading was done in two shifts, but the lack of workers meant that the work went very slowly. a good number of his men were doing their military service.

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c) Water was transported to the city in tank-cars, as there is no way of getting water in the city. The inhabitants of the city come to get their water at a watering-place in the city and must pay for it.

A boat that bought water had to pay fifteen ³⁵⁰roubles per ton for the water.

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1. SHIPPING: [REDACTED] what was probably an expeditionary vessel was sighted at Kvitsjøhalsen (literally, "The neck of the White Sea") on its way seaward.

The vessel was approximately 4000 tons and appeared to be an ordinary cargo ship with its engines midships. However, this ship had an ice-breaker bow and was lower than is usual. Over the deckhouse on the poop a platform had been built up. On the platform stood a helicopter.

2. THE HARBOR: [REDACTED]

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The pier was in poor condition, and could only take two ships of 2000 tons. The pier was in the process of being lengthened by about 400 meters, so that next year, it should be able to take three small or two large vessels. The expansion on the pier was built solidly, with concrete piling, which is unusual in the ports on the White Sea.

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